(b) whether there have been any discussions with any representative of Soviet Government in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No final decision has been taken by the Government for purchase of Soviet aircraft.

(b) Discussions have been held from time to time with the representatives of the Soviet Union in the USSR as well as in India. During these discussions, various details regarding the price of the various types of aircraft, lease rate, technical details and other operational parameters and various documents relevant for evaluation of the aircraft have been sought from the Soviet authorities. Air-India has already taken two aircraft (one passenger and one freighter) on lease from the USSR.

Health Services in Rural and Tribal Areas of Bihar

998. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what achievements have been made in the network of providing preventive, promotive and curative health services in the rural and tribal areas in Bihar;

(b) what arrangements are in vogue to keep Health Service Centres in the tribal areas and to utilize the findings of the studies, conducted by prime national research institutes like AIIMS etc. into the causes and cures of genetic diseases; and

(c) what is the present status of the study regarding sickle-cell disease which has been affecting the tribal population in large numbers in Bihar and other places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) For providing preventive, promotive and curative health services in the rural and tribal areas in Bihar, a network of functional Sub-centres (10449), Primary Health Centre (1555) and Community Health Centres (77) have been established till 31-3-1988. Services of 56029 trained dais and 11180 Village Health Guides are also being provided at village level.

(b) and (c) In order to provide health services in the tribal areas, Sub-centres are being opened for every 3000 population and Primary Health Centres for 20,000 population.

रेलवे की अभिरक्षा के अधीन गुम हुई सम्पत्ति

999. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रेलवे की अभिरक्षा के अधीन गुम हुई सम्पत्ति के लिये रेलवे ने 1986-87 और 1987-88 के प्रत्येक वर्ष के दौरान कितनी धनराशि हर्जाना के रूप में दी ; और

(ख) सरकार ऐसी घटनाओं को कम से कम करने के लिये क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री महावीर प्रसाद) : (क) रेलवे द्वारा ढोये जाने के लिये बुक किये गये माल के गुम हो जाने, उसकी क्षति होने के लिये 1986-87 के दौरान 42.43 करोड़ रुपये तथा 1987-88 के दौरान 33 34 करोड़ रुपये की क्षतिपूर्ति का भुगतान किया गया।

(ख) रेलें उन्हें ढुलाई के लिये सौंपे माल की सुरक्षा निश्चित करने तथा यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिये कि परेषण बिना किसी चोरी या नुकसान के अपने गंतव्य स्थान तक पहुंच जाये, निरन्तर प्रयास कर रही है। इस प्रयोजन के लिये विभिन्न निवारक उपाय किये जाते हैं, जिसमें परेषणों की समुचित संवेष्टन,